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SUBJECT: TURKISH CANCELLATION OF U.S. GRAIN CONTRACTS

REF: ANKARA 4684 (NOTAL)

1. CONTINENTAL GRAIN REPORTS LONDON ARBITRATION PROCEDURE
RESULTED IN DECISION FAVORABLE TO COMPANY IN ITS DISPUTE
WITH TURKISH SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE OVER CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE 350,000 TONS U.S. WHEAT. AS RESULT, CONTINENTAL

HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE, WHICH WAS REPORTED
BY NUMBER OF US PAPERS JULY 2. BEGIN QUOTE: NEW YORK ---
CONTINENTAL GRAIN COMPANY HAS WON A MAJOR ARBITRATION
AWARD AGAINST THE TURKISH STATE GRAIN AGENCY IN PROCEEDINGS
CONDUCTED BY THE GRAIN AND FEED TRADE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

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(GAFTA) IN LONDON. THE AGENCY - TOPRAK MAHSULLERI OFISI -

WAS FOUND IN DEFAULT FOR FAILURE TO OPEN A LETTER OF CREDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF WHEAT FROM FINAGRAIN, A SUBSIDIARY OF CONTINENTAL GRAIN COMPANY. TURKISH RESPONSE TO THE AWARD IS UNKNOWN. CONTINENTAL GRAIN OFFICIALS NOTED, HOWEVER, A LONG AND FAVORABLE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP HAS PREVAILED OVER THE YEARS WITH THE AGENCY. END QUOTE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANT REACTION TO ARBITRATION DECISION OR TO CONTINENTALS PRESS RELEASE, AND PARTICULARLY ANY INDICATION OF SHIFT IN GOT POSITION ON CONTRACTS. SISCO

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